

PATENT  
0502-1002

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dominique MORIN et al.

Appl. No.:

**NEW NATIONAL PHASE  
APPLICATION IN THE  
UNITED STATES**

Group:

Filed:

March 4, 2002

Examiner:

For:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUS  
TREATMENT OF COPPER SULPHIDE CONTAINING  
ORE BY BIOLOGICAL LEACHING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 4, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

1. Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure attached on a separate sheet attached hereto.